

smoothly and surely, in spite of apparent checks, towards their appointed ends. We seem to do so much in "business" and yet how little fruit; we bustle and God works; the glorious silent Providence moves steadily towards its purposes, a perfect contrast to physical power with its blast furnaces and steam-engines; and we, if we would fill the place marked out for us in His designs, must move steadily and incessantly along with it—steadfast in our purposes and work, redeeming the time, and persistently following the course

OTTAWA BARRACKS.

THE KING'S TROOPS

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IMPERIAL CITY.

I was one of the party who had arranged to go from Toronto to the opening meetings of the Ottawa barracks with the memory of the blessed time enjoyed at the opening of the Montreal barracks. We were full of expectations for like manifestations of the Divine presence in this, another building, built for His glory.

On route we passed the time profitably to ourselves and the Kingdom; had some singing, praying, Bible reading; did some personal dealing with sinners and saints in the cars, and talk to one another of the Master and felt His love burning in our souls. At the various stations along the line we picked up other comrades, so that by the time we reached Ottawa we were a strong force. Our Ottawa comrades give us a welcome and we are warmly welcomed with them to the new barracks, afterwards dispersing to our various billets.

Later in my stay I had an opportunity to make a survey of the building, so I may as well describe now. It will accommodate 1,600 people. The seats on the floor are arranged in an amphitheatrical style with a gallery running along the back and the two sides connecting with the platform, so that persons may have easy access to the platform. A grand staircase for the prayer meeting is the small sliding platform which pulls out from under the platform. The building is also well adapted for smaller meetings, such as holiness meetings when the large platform is used.

The hall is well lighted by large windows from the front and rear; the ventilation is also a great improvement, ventilating fans being fitted in the roof. The gas jets to assist the current of cold air from the platform the speaker has full control of all in the building, and will still all in the building on the speaker. For speaking in, it has been said, the barracks is the best hall in the city.

Underneath there is a large basement for week-night meetings, banquets, etc.; there are also small rooms under the platform for banquets, etc.

Above the hall in the front are the quarters for the Divisional and the corps officers, so that Salvation will be obtainable at any hour of the day or night. The building inside is neat, but not expensively decorated in the Army colors. The 1000 papers reported the meetings throughout. I have clipped a few cuttings from them:

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Major Bailey explained the absence of the Commissioner who, in said, however, would be here in the afternoon. Cap. Lodge, of Toronto, sang with concertina accompaniment. "When the angels will come."

could buy him out of this Salvation. If he did not tell about it he would feel it a sin for God had done so much for him. The crowd was singing "Under the good old Army flag."

Cap. and Mrs. Steel then sang a duet, "We are soldiers, We're a happy lot of people, we are."

The twelve ladies of the French Army Corps then sang "Oest vain, ah est vain, ah est vain."

These ladies may be stated are not really French girls but English speaking ones who are being trained for work among the French in the East. They have actually learned the language for this purpose.

A short account of the work in Quebec—Montreal was given and some of the drawbacks under which the Army labored in Quebec province were referred to. After several more experiences were given the meeting broke up.

ON SUNDAY MORNING

Rice drill was held at seven in the barracks, at which nearly two hundred were present. During this Commissioner Coombs arrived.

At 10:15 a march of the corps was made through a portion of Centre and Upper Town, after which a Holiness convention was held and the dedication of the barracks took place.

After the dedication "I have no other argument," Commissioner Coombs led the gathering in the Lord's prayer. He afterwards led the band in playing "The building to Salvation services."

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Ottawa would be expected to pay for it. He said they were erecting buildings in five other places in the Dominion.

The subjects announced for the meeting were Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell. How wonderfully the Holy Ghost works in the hearts of the audience; will manifest a bewildered and amazed church member to a friend beside him.

After the meeting was over, they all seem to have something ready to say and say it with great effect. Where do they get it from?

The prayer meeting was glorious and lasted till 11:30. Several times we tried to close, but only to hear the cry: "Amen, amen, come come again!"

Oh, it was glorious to my soul! They came out in ones and threes, all sorts and sizes, ignorant and intelligent, all seeking pardon at Jesus' feet. I believe the whole world would be glad to have the privilege of having received Salvation.

THE LIST OF THE VISITING OFFICERS

The list of the visiting officers of the Army was increased by the arrival of the following officers from the various districts, who, though not in time for the knave-drill at 7 a.m., were in ample time to participate in the officers' private council, which was held at 10:15 a.m.

This meeting took place at the station house on the bank street road, and was attended by over one hundred officers. The meeting was held in the morning, and was a most successful one. The officers of the Army only.

THE ARCADES

proved intensely disagreeable. A gusty wind from the West, and the rain, at the time and cutting cold and half melting snow accompanied it. In spite of all drawbacks, however, the Army assembled in the barracks, and the work of the Army in the recent revival services in Ottawa, and thanked God for the great work which had been done.

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Collingwood Anniversary.

Way—Disappointed but not Dejected—Nancy Shout—Royal Girl

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